

## **Youth Resource Connections**

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#### **Headlines**

**President Bush announces New Award for Volunteer Service.** President Bush established a presidential award for community service to youth who perform 50 hours of volunteer work each year and adults who give 100 hours. Recipients will receive a letter and commemorative gifts from the President's Council on Service and Civic participation.

**Department of Labor's (DOL) Wage and Hour Division announces partnership with the National Council for Agricultural Employers on Youth Rules.** The partnership will enable DOL to educate parents, employers and young workers about resources and protection that exist to ensure that teens have positive work experiences on farms across the country. Youth Rules is a public awareness campaign launched by Secretary Elaine Chao to help ensure safe work experiences for young workers. Information on YouthRules may be found at: <http://www.youthrules.dol.gov>

**International Leadership Coalition for Professional Child and Youth Care (ILCPCYC) and Wisconsin Association of Child and Youth care professional will host the 3rd Cream City Summit.** ILCPCYC plans to convene a workshop for supervisors, educators, administrators and trainees to discuss certification for child and youth care workers and youth development workers. The one and half day workshop will be held in Milwaukee, WI. For more information call 414-227-3354

**The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) host workshops for faith-based organizations.** SAMHSA will host grant writing workshops nationwide for Faith-Based and Community-based organizations. Participants will receive hands-on training in writing an application and understanding the grant process. For information on SAMHSA's program visit: <http://www.samhsa.gov>

**Veterans Affairs (VA), HUD, and HHS Announces \$35 million initiative to combat homeless.** These federal agencies along with the Department of Labor are members of an interagency council established to plan and coordinate actions and programs to assist the homeless. Additional background, eligible applicants, application preparation requirements, and review criteria may be found in the January 27 Federal Register notice. **Deadline: April 14.**

**United Way/New Orleans Saints provides grants to fund Summer Programs for Youth.** The New Orleans Saints and United Way of New Orleans have announced the availability of summer impact grants to help children and youth succeed. Proposals must address barriers to success that may be faced by children and youth. A total of \$100,000 in Impact grants will be awarded for the 2003 summer programs. Grants will range from \$500 to \$7,000. Application packets may be accessed on the New Orleans United Way website at: <http://www.unitedwaynola.org>

**Deadline: February 14.**

**Southern Poverty Law Center offer Youth Grants.** The Spring 2003 Mix It Up grants will fund youth-directed projects that focus on challenging social boundaries in schools and communities. Non-renewable grants of \$250 will be awarded. Proposed projects should demonstrate youth leadership, involve collaborative efforts across social boundaries and be part of continuing efforts to identify, cross, or challenge social boundaries. Additional information may be found at:

<http://www.spl/cenr.org>. **Deadline: Open**

**Youth Audio Conference-Reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act: Focus on Youth.**

The Center for Law and Social Policy will host an audio conference, February 21 to discuss issues related to the reauthorization of WIA and its impact on youth. To register go to:

<http://www.claspstore.org> or contact Soleste Lupu at 202-906-8030.

### ***Program Spotlight***

**YO! Alaska partners with Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Alaska.** YO! Alaska offers training opportunities to youth in carpentry trade. Upon completion of the training program, youth will receive a certification that can be applied to the federally registered carpentry apprenticeships offered by ABC. Youth receive classroom instruction and hands-on application. For more information contact Kris Holmes at 907-297-1700.

**San Francisco YOG establishes unique procurement system to improve services to youth.** The YOG administrators have implemented a procurement system, which allows managers to make individual referrals for youth to a broad range of service through a continuous RFP process to identify vendors of services. Additional information may be obtained from Bob Schwab at 415-431-8700.

### ***Opportunities for Youth***

**American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF) announces new fellowship program.** AYPF has established "The Harold Howe Fellowship" to help attract high achieving scholars to the field of youth work and youth policy development. Each year awards will be made to young scholars and scholar-practitioners. The first fellowship award will be announced in May. To learn more visit:

<http://www.aypf.org>. **Deadline: March 1.**

**Aspen Institute sponsors William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship.** The Nonprofit Sector Research Fund of the Aspen Institute will offer scholarships and summer internship programs. The opportunities are open to members of minority groups based on need and academic excellence; both graduate and undergraduate students are eligible to apply. Grant awards range from \$2,800 to \$4,200. For more information go to: <http://www.nonprofitresearch.org/newsletter1530/newsletter>.

**Deadline: March 15.**

**Starbucks Accepts Applications for Youth and Family Programs in Northern California.** This year the program will showcase and support ten nonprofit organizations and charitable agencies by awarding grants totaling \$375,000. The company will award one \$50,000 grant and one \$25,000 grant in each of five geographic areas. Eligible organizations must have proof of 501(c)(3) classification status with the IRS and serve populations in one or more of the five geographic areas represented in the Bay area. Additional information may be obtained on-line at: <http://www.starbucks.com/aboutus/grants4giving.asp>. **Deadline: letters of intent is February 7.**

**The Hispanic Heritage Awards Foundation offers educational grants.** The Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards Foundation will fund grants for Hispanic high school seniors in twelve major metropolitan areas. Students selected as regional winners will receive a \$2,000 grant to use toward their college career with National Hispanic Heritage Youth Award winners receiving an additional \$5,000 educational grant. Individuals of Hispanic parentage who are in high school senior or eligible for graduation in 2003 calendar year are eligible to apply. To learn more about these grants visit: <http://www.hispanicheritageawards.org/youth.php>. **Deadline: March 6.**

**Lou Torres Graduate Fellowships Available.** The Lou Torres Graduate Fellowships for Native American Students at the American University was established to allow fuller inclusion of Native Americans students in its student body. Contact Chris Derickson or Blair Brown at 202-885-1646 or visit: <http://www.american.edu/sis/grad>

**Frederick Douglass Institute announces Postdoctoral Fellowship Program.** Fellowships are available to scholars who hold a Ph.D. degree in a field related to the African and African-American experience. A stipend of \$35,000 will be awarded to support the completion of a research project for one academic year. To learn more call 585-275-7235.

**New Education foundation to fund college scholarships.** Education is Freedom, a new national education organization founded by 7-eleven president James Keyes, provides funding to U.S. high school seniors or graduates who show academic promise and wish to attend college and do not qualify for financial assistance. Students can apply for scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 to cover the costs of tuition, books and of fees for the 2003/2004 year. Complete scholarship criteria and the online application forms are available at the EIF Website go to: <http://www.educationisfreedom.org/>

**AT&T Cares Youth Service Action Fund helps youth engage in community service.** The AT&T Cares fund offers support to youth ages 5 to 25 and organizations to plan and implement service projects on National Youth Service Day 2003. Twenty-five grants of \$500 are available to youth and youth organizations. Grant recipients must use the funds to complete a service project on one or more of the designated dates for National Service Day. For more information go to: <http://www.ysa.org/awwards/awardgrant.cfm>. **Deadline: February 28.**

**The American Chemical Society seeks applications for scholars program.** The American Chemical Society seeks applications from minority students for its scholars program. The program provides financial support to academically accomplished African-American, Hispanic, and Native American students pursuing studies in chemistry, chemical engineering, biochemistry and related disciplines. Up to 100 scholarships will be awarded. Applications may be found on-line at <http://www.acs.org/scholars> or contact 800-227-5558, extension 6250.

**Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) offers fellowships.** CHCI is accepting applications for the Edward Roybal Public Health Fellowship. The nine-month fellowship can be conducted within any organization in Washington, DC. Fellows will receive a stipend of \$2,500. Visit the CHCI website to obtain additional information at:

<http://www.chciyouth/fellowship/fellowshipprogram/htm>

Deadline: **February 28.**

**Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Minority Student Scholarships available.**

HBCU announces scholarships for \$1,000 for deserving students for the 2003-2004 academic year. Scholarships are awarded to recipients for one academic year. Applications are available on-line at:

<http://hbcu-central.com/>. **Deadline: May 1.**

### **Websites**

**Youth Media Reporter Website.** Offers information regarding youth media and youth development.

Go to: <http://www.iyfnet.org/index.cfm>

### ***Publications/Reports/Resources***

**The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) publishes Longitudinal Survey on Youth.** BLS conducted a survey, which provides information on the employment experiences, schooling, family background, social behavior, and other characteristics of these youth. The survey is online at

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/nlsyth.toc.htm>

**New York Times Article “Young, Jobless, and Hopeless”.** Written by Bob Herbert discusses the plight of undereducated and jobless young people in the country. The article focuses on youth in the city of Chicago and their experiences. Additional information may be found on-line at:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2003/02/06/opinion/o6HERB.html>

**Faith-Based and Community Organizations Outreach Coordinator Guides are available.** These guides include two customized Power Point presentations about the One Stop delivery system. The guide also includes presenter’s notes to match the Power Point presentations. These guides are useful for Workforce Board principals and One-Stop staff who are delivering presentations on the One-Stop system for various faith-based and community organizations. Contact: 202-693-6450.

**What Works in Workforce Development.** A report developed by the Association of Joint Labor/Management Education Programs highlights what works in workforce development, which examines the impact of joint education programs on employers, workers and unions. Visit:

<http://www.workplacelearning.org>

**Report on Early Childhood Success-Action Kit.** The National League of Cities has developed a report entitled “Promoting Early Childhood Success in America’s Cities and Towns”. Visit:

<http://www.nlc.org>

**New “Network on Municipal Leadership for Youth Participation”.** This project sponsored by the National League of Cities focuses on the roles that local governments can play in promoting youth councils, teen courts, youth service, youth summits and other methods of youth civic engagement. Contact Rachel Banov at 202- 626-3072 to receive a copy.

## Calendar of Events

**March 2-4. Washington, DC.** National Association of Workforce Boards(NAWB) Forum 2003  
Contact: <http://www.nawb.org/asp/forum2003.asp>

**March 13-14. Washington, DC.** 2003 Intercultural Management Institute Conference.  
Contact Heidi Ashton at 202-885-6439 or visit <http://www.imi.american.edu>

**March 19-21, Baltimore, MD.** The Enterprise Foundation, National workforce conference. Contact 410-772-2760.

**April 8. Colorado. Region VI Youth Summit.** Contact Joe Eitel at 303-866-4991 or go to <http://www.state.co.us/gov/dir.wdc/YouthSummit/YouthSummit.htm>

**April 8-10. Denver, Colorado. Region IV Youth Development Training Summit.** Contact Joe Eitel at 303-866-4991 or go to <http://www.state.co.us/owd> for information.

**April 11-13, Nationwide. National Youth Service Day.** Visit <http://ysa.org/nysindex.cfm> or e-mail ysa.org

**April 23-26. Minneapolis, MN.** 14<sup>th</sup> Annual National Service Learning Conference. To register on-line go to [www.nylc.org](http://www.nylc.org) or contact 800-366-6952.

**April 23-25, Chicago, IL. National Pathways To Adulthood 2003 Conference.** For Independent Living State Coordinators, transitional living grantees and other youth services providers. Contact 918-660-3700.

**April 27-29, Reno, NV.** Rural Workforce Conference 2003(Region VI). Contact Kris Latimer at 541-928-0241,ext.219.

**May4-7. St.Louis, MO.** National Association of Workforce Development Professional (NAWDP), contact <http://www.nawdp.org>

**May 12-17, Des Moines, IA. 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Education Conference.** Contact 800-277-8145.

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**Youth Resource Connections** provides important announcements and information for state and local workforce investment boards, youth councils, youth service providers, Youth Opportunity Grant sites, partners, and others interested in youth development.

**We welcome your input.** Please let us know how these updates might be improved to better serve your needs. If you would like to contribute information, post an inquiry, or suggest topics to cover, please contact Anne Stom ([Astom@doleta.gov](mailto:Astom@doleta.gov); 202-693-3377 or Susan Rosenblum ([srosenblum@doleta.gov](mailto:srosenblum@doleta.gov); 202-693-3597).

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